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Employment in Salem MSA (Marion and Polk Counties): July 2019

Salem MSA's Unemployment Rate Remains at 4.2 Percent

The Salem metropolitan statistical area's (MSA) unemployment rate was 4.2 percent in July, unchanged from its revised June rate of 4.2 percent. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate was 4.0 percent in July, unchanged from its revised rate in June of 4.0 percent.

Salem's July employment losses were larger than normal. Salem shed an estimated 2,800 jobs in July when a decrease of roughly 2,700 would be expected, meaning seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment decreased 100. Salem's employment was 17,400, or 11.3 percent, above its pre-recession employment peak, which occurred in February 2008.

Employment in the Salem MSA grew 2,900 over the past year, a 1.7 percent increase. Salem outpaced the nation, but not the state. Oregon's job growth over the past year was 2.1 percent and the U.S. grew 1.5 percent.

Salem's private sector added 2,400 jobs over the past year, growing 1.9 percent. The public sector added 500 jobs, growing 1.3 percent.

The fastest-growing major private-sector industries over the past year included: construction (+1,300 jobs, or 11.1%) and professional and business services (+800 jobs, or 5.3%).

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the August county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, September 24 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Tuesday, September 17.



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Salem MSA Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	July 2019	June 2019	July 2018	June 2019	July 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	205,985	203,531	205,437	2,454	548
Unemployed	9,382	8,577	9,152	805	230
Unemployment rate	4.6%	4.2%	4.5%	0.4	0.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.2%	4.2%	4.3%	0.0	-0.1
Employed	196,603	194,954	196,285	1,649	318
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	169,100	171,900	166,200	-2,800	2,900
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	171,300	171,400	168,000	-100	3,300
Total private	131,400	129,300	129,000	2,100	2,400
Mining, logging, and construction	13,800	13,400	12,300	400	1,500
Mining and logging	800	800	600	0	200
Construction	13,000	12,600	11,700	400	1,300
Manufacturing	14,700	13,700	14,600	1,000	100
Durable goods	6,700	6,600	6,500	100	200
Nondurable goods	8,000	7,100	8,100	900	-100
Food manufacturing	5,300	4,600	5,800	700	-500
Trade, transportation, and utilities	28,400	28,100	28,400	300	0
Wholesale trade	4,100	4,100	4,200	0	-100
Retail trade	18,900	18,600	19,000	300	-100
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	5,400	5,400	5,200	0	200
Information	1,300	1,300	1,300	0	0
Financial activities	7,100	7,000	7,300	100	-200
Professional and business services	16,000	15,400	15,200	600	800
Administrative and support services	8,600	8,500	8,200	100	400
Education and health services	28,100	28,500	28,200	-400	-100
Health care and social assistance	26,000	26,400	25,600	-400	400
Leisure and hospitality	16,600	16,400	16,200	200	400
Accommodation and food services	14,100	14,200	13,800	-100	300
Other services	5,400	5,500	5,500	-100	-100
Government	37,700	42,600	37,200	-4,900	500
Federal government	1,500	1,500	1,300	0	200
State government	20,000	20,100	19,800	-100	200
State education	800	800	700	0	100
Local government	16,200	21,000	16,100	-4,800	100
Indian tribal	1,500	1,500	1,400	0	100
Local education	8,000	12,600	8,200	-4,600	-200

The most recent month is preliminary, the prior month is revised. Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Civilian labor force includes employed and unemployed individuals 16 years and older by place of residence.

Employed includes payroll employment, self-employed, unpaid family workers, domestics, agriculture, and labor disputants.

Unemployment rate is calculated by dividing unemployed by civilian labor force.

Nonfarm Payroll Employment: Official Oregon Series. Data are by place of work and cover full- and part-time employees who worked or received pay for the pay period that includes the 12th of the month. The data exclude the self-employed, volunteers, unpaid family workers, and domestics.

The Oregon Employment Department and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) work cooperatively to develop and publish monthly payroll employment and labor force data for Oregon's metropolitan areas and counties. The estimates of monthly job gains and losses are based on a survey of businesses. The estimates of unemployment are based on a survey of households and other sources.

The Oregon Employment Department payroll employment estimates are revised quarterly using information from unemployment insurance tax records. All department publications use data from this *official Oregon series* unless noted.

The department also makes the BLS-produced nonfarm payroll employment series for metropolitan areas available. These are revised annually by BLS.

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